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High and Mighty Lords,

THE Directors of the *East India* Company, of this Country, had the Honour on the 5th of *March*, of this current Year 1761, to exhibit to your High Mightineſſes, their moſt preciſe and final Repreſentation concerning the Memorial of the Honourable Mr *Yorke*, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from his *Britannic* Majeſty, ſome Time before preſented to your High Mightineſſes, and containing *Complaints of very extraordinary Acts of Hoſtility, committed by the Servants of the* East India *Company of this Country, upon the Subjects of his* Britannic *Majeſty in* Bengal.

IN that Repreſentation, the Directors hope they have not only ſhewn, that the Complaints, contained in the ſaid Memorial, were groundleſs; but at the ſame time proved, that the Servants of the *Dutch East India* Company were not the Aggreſſors, in beginning Acts of Hoſtility againſt the Subjects of his *Britannic* Majeſty; but that, on the contrary, the Servants of the *Engliſh East India*

Company had in a hoſtile Manner attacked, and outrageouſly treated the Subjects of your High Mightineſſes.

It was further ſhewn in that Repreſentation, that the Company of this Country, and their Servants, were in various Reſpects highly injured and wronged by the Servants of the *Engliſh* Company.

The aforeſaid Directors then took the Liberty of laying before your High Mightineſſes, with the utmoſt Reſpect, the Conſequences to be apprehended from the violent Conduct of the *Engliſh* Company's Servants in *Bengal*; as on the Precautions to be taken againſt it, depended entirely either the Preſervation or total Ruin of ſeveral important Settlements belonging to the *Dutch* Company, and of their Commerce, in many Parts of *India*. And moreover, the Directors, founded on that Proof, and on the further Conſequences to be apprehended from the Conduct of the *Engliſh* Company's Servants, to the Detriment of the *Dutch* Company, did, in their aforeſaid Repreſentation, with all Humility, yet in as ſtrong a Manner as the Importance of the Matter required, implore *your High Mightineſſes' particular Protection and effectual Aſſiſtance, in order to cauſe paſt Injuries to be redreſſed according to Right and Equity, and to ſecure the Company's Settlements in* Bengal *and elſewhere, from farther and total Ruin.*

Your High Mightineſſes were pleaſed, in your Reſolution of the aforeſaid 5th of *March*, to *commit* that Repreſentation, and in that of the 7th of *April* following, to ſend a Copy of the ſame to M. *Hop*, your High Mightineſſes' Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of *Great Britain*, and at the ſame time to write to him, to exhibit the ſaid Repreſentation, when, and in what Manner he ſhould judge moſt for the Service of the *Eaſt India* Company, and alſo to ſecond, in all proper Ways, the Requeſts contained in the ſaid Repreſentation.

The ſaid Envoy, M. *Hop*, hath executed this Reſolution and Order of your High Mightineſſes. But the aforeſaid Repreſentation having been, after

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ſome time, returned to his Excellency, it was afterwards tranſlated into *French*, and again put into the Hands of the Miniſters of His *Britannic* Majeſty, without any Anſwer being, ſo far as the Directors know, hitherto made thereto.

THINGS continued thus, at Home, in the ſame State; but in *India*, they proceeded, meanwhile, from bad to worſe: For, in *Bengal*, the Company was obliged to pay, once and again, very conſiderable Sums of Money to the *Moors*, who, depending on the Aid and Aſſiſtance of their Friends and Allies, the Servants of the *Engliſh Eaſt India* Company, and apprized of our Inability to maintain our Rights and Privileges, and to ſecure the Company's Settlements, rapaciouſly availed themſelves of theſe Circumſtances, in order, as well from their own natural Temper, as at the Inſtigation of others, to extort, from Time to Time, large Sums of Money, from the *Dutch* Company.

THE Director and Council at *Hughley* had flattered themſelves, that after the Convention, which they were conſtrained to enter into, on the 3d of *December* 1759, with the Servants of the *Engliſh* Company, and on the 5th Ditto, with the then *Nabob*, the *Dutch* Company ſhould have enjoyed in full Quiet, their Settlements in *Bengal*, and been able to carry on their Commerce undiſturbed, without being expoſed to new Extortions, or violent Exactions. *But it ſoon appeared, That the two extorted Conventions were not yet ſufficient to anſwer the deſired Intention.* For theſe Reaſons therefore it was reſolved ſtill more to cruſh the *Dutch* Company, and deprive them entirely of their yet remaining, though feeble, Means of Security. For that Purpoſe, *Kaſim Cham*, one of the *Nabob*'s Commanders, appeared as early as the 11th of *February* after, with a great Army, before the Company's Fort *Guſtavus*; inveſted it, and cut off all Proviſions from the Company's Servants. The Pretext for theſe Acts of Violence was, That the *Nabob* had diſcovered by an intercepted Letter, ſaid to be furniſhed him by the *Engliſh*, that the Company's Servants had tendered and promiſed their Aſſiſtance to the *Mogul* Prince, who was in full March againſt the ſaid *Nabob*. *Kaſim Cham* afterwards gave Orders, that all the Outworks of the Fort ſhould be razed, threatening, if they were not, to order his own Men to do it; and at the ſame Time demanded, by Way of

Penalty or Fine, and to indemnify him for the Trouble he had been at, a conſiderable Sum of Money.

THE Pretext was a mere Fiction, void of all Appearance of Truth. The Company's Servants therefore ſhewed *Kaſim Cham* the Falſhood of the Charge, and made him ſenſible of the Injuſtice of his Demand: But all to no Purpoſe. They were obliged to raze the Out-works of the Fort, and to buy off further Acts of Violence by paying him 50,000 Florins.

BUT this was only a Fore-runner of what the Company had farther to apprehend: For in the Month of *April* thereafter, the Company's Servants were accuſed of levying men by the *Nabob*, who ſent for the Head Man, or Chief, at *Caſſembazar*; but he being unable thro' Indiſpoſition to go to Court, *de Wilde*, the ſecond, repaired thither. The *Nabob*, on admitting him into his Preſence, repeated the above-mentioned Accuſation, adding that the Company's Servants held a Correſpondence and conſpired with his Enemies; and on this Account demanded of the Company, by way of Contribution, an immenſe Sum of fifty *Laks* of *Rupees* *, or two and twenty Tons and a half of Gold; threatening, if this Sum was not immediately paid, to level with the Ground the Company's Settlements. The one as well as the other Accuſation was falſe, and only deviſed to ſupply the *Nabob*'s Want of Money at the Expence of the Company. *De Wilde* therefore did not neglect ſhewing the Falſhood of theſe Charges: He proved that the few *Seapoys*, who were in the Company's Service, were taken into pay, in order to ſecure the Company's Effects againſt the threatened Inroads of the *Marattas*; and that, had it not been for this unexpected Inveſtment of the Company's Factory, the Natives in their Pay would have been ere then diſcharged, and the reſt ſent back to *Hughley*. He, moreover, employed every Argument poſſible, to convince the *Nabob* of the Injuſtice of his Conduct, and to divert him from his unreaſonable Demand: But he was ſcarce favoured with a Hearing, and was himſelf put under Arreſt. The *Nabob* thereupon cauſed the Company's Factory at *Caſſembazar* to be inveſted by his Troops; planted eleven Pieces of Cannon before it:

* Between 50,000 *l.* and 60,000 *l.*

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Every imaginable Preparation was made for executing the threatened Deſtruction of the Company's Factory; and the actual Execution thereof could not be warded off, but with the Payment of full ſeven and a half Tons of Gold *, and under the Promiſe of diſcharging the above-mentioned *Seapoys*, and ſending back the other Troops to *Hughley*. On this Foot the Agreement was concluded, and the *Nabob* promiſed to retire with his Troops. The Company's Servants ſatisfied to the full the Contract on their Part, but the *Nabob* did not perform his Engagements. The Factory remained ſtill inveſted by his troops; and when the Company's Servants inſiſted on their withdrawing, this high Sentence was at length pronounced, *That it was not in the Prince's Breaſt, but in that of the* Engliſh. The *Engliſh* then were queſtioned, about the Reaſon of ſuch a Conduct, as nothing had happened between them and the *Dutch*, which could give any Riſe or Handle thereto. The Anſwer was, *That they were informed the Company's Servants held a Correſpondence with their Enemies: That their Deſign was to make head againſt them and the Prince; and that therefore it was natural, that they, the Engliſh, ſhould prevent them therein.* The Company's Servants being conſcious of the Falſhood of this Accuſation, endeavoured alſo to convince the *Engliſh* thereof, and to aſſure them, that the Director and Council at *Hughley* had not the leaſt Intention either to undertake or execute any Hoſtilities againſt them: But all to no Purpoſe; the *Engliſh* continued inflexible, and the withdrawing the *Mooriſh* Troops could not be brought about, but under the Promiſe, that Commiſſioners ſhould be ſent to *Calcutta*, in order to terminate the ſtanding Differences with the *Engliſh*.

DURING theſe Tranſactions with the *Moors*, the Director *Biſdom* received a Letter from the then *pro tempore* Preſident at *Calcutta*, *Jonathan Zephaniel Holwell*, dated the 15th of *May*, 1760; in which, under the Semblance of Friendſhip, he adviſed the Company's Servants, *to ſatisfy in full the* Nabob's *Demands, and ſubmit to whatever he ſhould in future require of them, as they were not in a Condition to oppoſe the* Nabob: *Adding, moreover, that it was unneceſſary to point out to him, the Director, the diſagreeable Part, that they, the* Engliſh, *would be obliged thro' Neceſſity to take in our Differences with the* Moors, *and how*

* About 200,000 *l. Sterling.*

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ardently they wiſhed rather to act the Part of Mediators between us and the Suba. He added thereto ſome Propoſitions for an Accommodation, dreſſed up in the ſame Taſte; which as well as the reſt of the Letter, were anſwered in a proper Manner.

THE Company's ſervants at *Caſſembazar* could not, as was above ſaid, procure the withdrawing the *Mooriſh* Troops, but under the Promiſe of ſending Commiſſioners to *Calcutta*. Two Commiſſioners therefore were ſent thither on the 29th of *May*; who, after the Space of ſome Months, were conſtrained, as it were, under the Guaranty of the Preſident and Council at Fort *William*, to enter into a more preciſe Convention with the *Nabob*, dated the 23d of *Auguſt*, 1760: Of which, among other hard Conditions, that were violently forced upon them, the ſixth Article contains, *That the Director and Council of the* Dutch *Company ſhall, now and at all Times, whenever the* Nabob *may require it, permit one of his Officers, accompanied by one of the* Engliſh, *to muſter or viſit their Troops and military Stores at* Chintſura *and their other Factories: Or if any other Means can be agreed on between the Governor and Council of Fort* William, *and the Director and Council of* Chintſura, *whereby the Governor and Council of Fort* William *may, to their Satisfaction, be aſſured of the Number of their Troops, and the Quantity of their military Stores; and be, as Umpires, empowered to give a ſatisfactory Anſwer to the* Nabob, *as to the Security of his Country; that then, and in that Caſe, the* Nabob *would no farther inſiſt on a Muſter.*

THE whole of the Convention is hereto annexed; and the ſaid ſixth Article only adduced, as from thence it appears what may be expected from the Mediation and Guaranty of the Governor and Council of Fort *William*.

YOUR High Mightineſſes however, from the above-mentioned two Caſes, may ſee to what Extortions and Exactions the Company is at preſent expoſed in *Bengal*, and what Conſequences are to be thence apprehended in future, now that the *Dutch* Company, by the Alliance of the *Engliſh* with the *Moors*, and the open Acts of Hoſtility flowing thence againſt them, are incapacitated, and

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ſtill to this Day reſtrained from protecting and ſecuring their Servants and Poſſeſſions from ſuch Acts of Violence.

Let it only be conſidered, that the *Engliſh Eaſt India* Company pays no Toll: That they, or at leaſt their Servants, draw moreover for themſelves a Share, as well of the Toll which other Nations pay, as of the other Incomes of the Country. That hereby the reſpective Governors, great Men, Natives of the Country, and other Servants, are in Part deprived of their uſual Subſiſtence; and hence it is eaſy to judge, that theſe People muſt contrive Ways to ſupply that Defect of Subſiſtence by ſome other Means. And therefore it is no Wonder, that the *Moors*, depending on the Aſſiſtance of their Allies, turn the Inability of the *Dutch* Company to their own Advantage, in order from Time to Time to ſqueeze conſiderable Sums of Money from them.

But while on the one Hand the Company is neceſſarily expoſed to Extortions; ſo on the other Hand they are every where obſtructed in the carrying-on their Trade; nay totally ſo.

The Salt-petre Trade continues ſtill excluſively in the Hands of the *Engliſh*; and it is almoſt quite impoſſible for the Company's Servants to procure any Cotton Cloths. The Weavers, under ſevere Threats, are forbid, and actually hindered from working any Cloths for the *Dutch* Company: And if, notwithſtanding, ſome are inclined to work for the *Dutch* Company, yet the Factors of the *Engliſh* forcibly cut the Pieces out of the Loom; and what Complaints ſoever the Company's Servants have made on that Head to the Governor and Council of the *Engliſh* Company, no Redreſs could ever be obtained.

But this extravagant Conduct of the Servants of the *Engliſh Eaſt India* Company is not confined to the Commerce in *Bengal*. The private *Engliſh* Traders and Smugglers have, for ſome Time paſt, laid it down as a Rule for their Conduct; *that they may lawfully ſail to, and trade at all Places, where it has pleaſed God that Water ſhould run.* Founded on that pretended Right, ſeveral

ſeveral of thoſe private Traders have once and again ventured to ſupplant the *Dutch* Company even in their moſt appropriated Spice-Trade. The Honourable Government of *India* has not omitted to hinder as much as poſſible this unlawful Navigation and Trade: And this gave Occaſion to the Commander of his *Britannic* Majeſty's Squadron in the *Eaſt Indies*, without Scruple, to threaten in a Letter, that if the Honourable Government ſhould hinder or obſtruct any *Engliſh* Ships in their Navigation and Trade, *he would in that Caſe with his Ships of War pay a Viſit to* Batavia, *which would be of the moſt affecting Conſequences to the* Dutch *Company*.

We hold ourſelves, High and Mighty Lords, fully aſſured, that his *Britannic* Majeſty will on no Account approve ſuch Conduct of his Officers and other Subjects: Nay, we cannot imagine, that even the Directors themſelves of the *India* Company at *London*, will juſtify the above-mentioned Conduct of their Servants in *Bengal:* And we are readier far to hope from the Juſtice of his ſaid Majeſty, that when he is informed of the Injuries done to the *Dutch* Company by his Subjects, his Majeſty will on that Account cauſe due Satisfaction and Reparation to be made the Company.

But in the mean Time the Company's Settlements in *Bengal* are expoſed to the utmoſt Danger: And as long as the Servants of the *Engliſh Eaſt India* Company ſhall aſſume to themſelves, by virtue of the Treaty entered into, in the Year 1757, by the Governor and Council of Fort *William* with the then *Nabob Mier Jaffer Cham*, as Allies of the *Moors*, in a hoſtile Manner to fall upon the *Dutch* Company, and deprive them of the Means of defending themſelves againſt the Violences of the *Moors*, the Amendment of the Company's Condition in *Bengal* will be far to ſeek.

The cancelling that Treaty, *ſo far as* the *Engliſh* Servants maintain, *That on this Account they have a Right, as Allies of the* Moors, *to act in a hoſtile Manner againſt the* Dutch *Company*, is therefore, under reſpectful Correction, the

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firſt and capital Point, of which the Redreſs ought to be procured as ſoon as poſſible.

As in the above-mentioned Repreſentation of the Directors, it has been undeniably proved, That the ſaid Treaty of the Servants of the *Engliſh East India* Company with the *Moors*, directly claſhes with the Treaties ſubſiſting between your High Mightineſſes and his *Britannic* Majeſty; eſpecially with that ſeparate Article of the 8th of *March* 1675; and that, moreover, both the Servants of the *Engliſh East India* Company, and the Commanders of his Majeſty's ſucceſſive Squadrons in the *East Indies*, have, before the Date of that pretended Treaty, at ſundry Times, and on ſeveral Occaſions, maintained, That it was not lawful for the *Dutch* Company, *conſiſtently with the Treaties ſubſiſting, to give any Aid or Aſſiſtance to the* Nabob *or* Moors: So the Directors truſt, that, ſhould it pleaſe your High Mightineſſes to write to your Miniſters at the Court of *England*, in the ſtrongeſt Manner, to inſiſt with his *Britannic* Majeſty on the cancelling the above-mentioned Treaty, and the farther Conſequences thereof, his ſaid Majeſty would not ſcruple to make the *Dutch* Company enjoy the Effect of the Treaties entered into and concluded with your High Mightineſſes, and at the ſame Time charge the Commanders of his Majeſty's Squadrons, as alſo the Directors of the *East India* Company at *London*, exactly to behave according to the Tenor of the above-mentioned Treaties; with ſpecial Injunctions to the laſt mentioned, to expedite, without any Delay, the neceſſary and full Orders to the *Indies*; to the End, they may forbid, and actually hinder their Servants in *Bengal*, and elſewhere in the *Indies*, where it may be neceſſary, either as pretended Allies of the *Nabob* of *Bengal*, or under any other Colour or Pretext, to undertake any Act of Violence or Hoſtility againſt the *Dutch* Company, or to injure them in their Commerce.

The other Articles of Complaint and Grievance, contained in the aforeſaid Repreſentation, being no leſs fully juſtified and proved, the Directors can expect no leſs from the Equity of his *Britannic* Majeſty, than that his Majeſty, as to theſe alſo, will cauſe the proper Satisfaction and Reparation to be made the *Dutch* Company.

The Succeſs of this Expectation, how well-grounded ſoever it may be, yet entirely depends on the Support which your High Mightineſſes ſhall pleaſe to grant the Company for that Purpoſe: And the Directors take the Liberty, moreover, in the moſt humble Manner, to requeſt your High Mightineſſes to recommend to your Miniſters at the Court of *England*, to inſiſt in the ſtrongeſt Manner, on a proper Satisfaction for the Injuries ſuſtained, as alſo on the actual Reparation of the Damage and Detriment undergone; and at the ſame Time to write to the ſaid Miniſters, above all to inſiſt with his *Britannic* Majeſty, that in the mean Time, the neceſſary Orders may, on the firſt proper Opportunity, be expedited to the *Indies*; in which, both the Commanders of his Majeſty's Squadrons there, and the Servants of the *Engliſh* Company in *Bengal*, and elſewhere in the *Indies*, where it may be neceſſary, ſhall be expreſly forbid, in virtue of the Treaty or Convention, entered into in the Year 1757, with the then *Nabob* of *Bengal*, as Allies of the *Nabob*, or under any other Pretext, directly or indirectly, to commit any Acts of Hoſtility or Violence againſt the *Dutch* Company, their Settlements or Dependents; and in which they, on the Contrary, ſhall be charged to behave in regard to the Company of this Country, according to the Tenor of the Treaties ſubſiſting between his *Britannic* Majeſty and your High Mightineſſes; and moreover, to ſuffer the Commerce of the ſaid Company to be carried on unmoleſted, and without giving them the leaſt Impediment or Lett therein.

The Heinouſneſs of thoſe Injuries, the Importance of the Damage and Detriment which the Company has thereby ſuffered, the eſſential Intereſt the Company has to obtain, on that Account, the deſired Satisfaction, and a real Reparation, as ſoon as poſſible; but above all, the critical Circumſtances, wherein the Company at preſent finds itſelf, and the highly urgent Neceſſity thence ariſing, for obtaining from your High Mightineſſes your particular Protection for the ſame, and your effectual, but above all, ſpeedy Aid and Support: All theſe Conſiderations, which are of the utmoſt Conſequence, have, High and Mighty Lords, put the Directors under the indiſpenſable Obligation, to prefer a ſecond Time, their reſpectful Repreſentations on this Head to your High Mightineſſes, with this humble Requeſt,

THAT your High Mightineſſes will once more be pleaſed to take into your ſerious Conſideration the preſent State of the *Eaſt India* Company of this Country; *which* in *Bengal* is expoſed to the Extortions and Vexations of the *Moors*; *whoſe* Commerce is there greatly cramped and injured: *which*, above all that, is, in more than one Place in *India*, involved in Tumults and Seditions, the Iſſue of which cannot be foreſeen, and which ſeem to be as it were in Motion, in order, by a Concourſe of Misfortunes, to overwhelm the Company at once; and *which* beſides, at this Time, more than ever deſerves the peculiar Attention of your High Mightineſſes with the farther Requeſt,

THAT your High Mightineſſes, after weighing the State of the Company, may be pleaſed to take ſuch Reſolutions, on the repeated Application of the Directors, as your High Mightineſſes ſhall in your high Wiſdom judge to be ſerviceable and neceſſary.

MAY the Almighty God bleſs the Deliberations of your High Mightineſſes on this and all other weighty Matters: And may he preſerve your Perſons and Families from all Harms. This is the hearty Wiſh and Prayer of thoſe, who have the Houour to be, *&c.*

Underneath ſtood,

Your High Mightineſſes moſt humble and obedient Servants,
The Directors of the General Dutch Eaſt-India *Company.*

Lower ſtood,

And ſigned by their Order.

AMSTERDAM, the 2d of *December* 1761.

C. VANDER HOOP.

ARTICLES approved by the underwritten Deputies, drawn up by the Director and Council of the Dutch East India *Company in* Bengal, *in order to be executed in favour of the ſaid Company; as alſo Conditions, in Conſequence of thoſe Articles, granted by the* Nabob Jaffier Aly Chan, Souja Ulmoek Bhadur: *The Execution of the aforeſaid Articles and Conditions is, at the Requeſt of the two contracting Parties, guarrantied by the reſpective under-written Preſident and Council of Fort* William.

ARTICLE I.

THE Director and Council of *Chinſura* ſhall immediately ſend away from *Hughley*, and their other Factories here, all the Troops which exceed the Number of 125 Men, allowed them by former Treaties; to continue on board one of their Ships lying at *Culpi* or *Foltha*, till an Opportunity ſhall offer of carrying them to *Batavia*.

II.

THAT if they have raiſed any new Works, or if they have deepened, enlarged or widened, their Ditches, from the Day of executing their laſt Treaty concluded with the *Nabob*, they ſhall immediately reſtore them to their former Condition.

III.

THAT, in Caſe they have encreaſed the Number of their Artillery, and the Quantity of their warlike Stores, beſides what they have ordinarily Occaſion for,

in their Poſſeſſions or Factories, they ſhall, in the ſame Manner, as was mentioned Article I. in regard to the Troops, ſend away the Overplus.

IV.

THAT they ſhall never ſuffer above one *European* Ship at once to come up higher than *Culpi*, *Foltha*, or *Majapur*, without previouſly obtaining of the *Nabob* an expreſs Permiſſion.

V.

THE aforeſaid Commiſſioners, in Behalf of the Director and Council at *Chinſura*, do by theſe Preſents renew, confirm, and ratify all the Conditions, accepted by them, in the Treaty concluded between the *Engliſh* Commiſſaries, together with the *Nabob* on one Side, and the Director and Council at *Hughly* on the other, on the 3d of *December* 1759; and in particular, that Part which limits the military Force in *Bengal* to 125 *Europeans*.

VI.

THE aforeſaid Director and Council ſhall now, and at all Times, whenever the *Nabob* may require it, ſuffer one of his Officers, accompanied by one of the *Engliſh*, to muſter their Troops, and viſit their military Stores at *Chinſura*, and their other Factories: Or, if the Governor and Council at Fort *William*, and the Director and Council at *Chinſura*, can agree on any other Means whereby the Governor and Council at Fort *William* may, to their Satisfaction, be aſſured of the Number of their Troops, and the Quantity of their Military Stores, and be, as Umpires, empowered to give the *Nabob* a ſatisfactory Anſwer, as to the Security of his Country, that then, and in that Caſe, the *Nabob* ſhall no farther inſiſt on a Muſter.

VII.

THE *Nabob*'s *Duan*, *Ray Rayan Ameed Raay*, ſolemnly binds and engages himſelf, in Behalf of the *Nabob*, to the aforenamed Director and Council, that as ſoon as they have ſubmitted to the afore-named Conditions, they ſhall be ſupported in all their Rights, Privileges, and Prerogatives, granted them by *Firmans* of the Great Mogul.

VIII.

THAT in future they ſhall not be aggrieved with any new or unuſual Extortions of Money, under what Pretence ſoever; and eſpecially, that they ſhall be freed from paying a Sum, demanded of them for ſome Years paſt by the *Souba* of *Patna*, for the Privilege of the Saltpetre-Trade, under the Name of *Peeſkes*; as it would be unjuſt, the Director and Council ſhould continue to pay for a Privilege, which they now no longer enjoy.

IX.

THAT for their Ships and Veſſels they ſhall have a free and uninterrupted Paſſage, yet with the Exception, mentioned Article fourth; as alſo over Land for their Oxen and Carriages, their Foot and *Caſſeds*, going to their uſual appointed Places, yet furniſhed with the Company's Seal, and that of the Director, the Chiefs, or other Servants properly qualified for that Purpoſe, without being ſubject to any Impoſts by *Fauſdars*, *Jagierdars*, *Chokiedars*, *Derrogas*, or other Officers of the Government.

X.

THAT in Conſequence of ſeveral *Firmans* obtained by them, the Trade of the *Dutch Eaſt India* Company in *Bengal*, *Beliar*, and *Orixa*, ſhall be carried-on free and unmoleſted in all Points whatever, except the Salt-petre Trade; which Privilege the *Nabob* hath excluſively granted to the *Engliſh*.

XI. THAT

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THAT the *Nabob* shall give Orders to adjust the Account of their Coinage in the Mint at *Cariemabab*, and issue out or discharge the Balance which shall appear to be still due to them: Further, that in future their Business in the Mint shall be continued to be carried-on, without the least Molestation or Obstruction; and that moreover, the neat Produce shall, without the least Stoppage, Reserve, or Deduction, for the Time to come be paid down.

Underneath stood,

Given at Fort *William*,
the 23d of *August*,
1760.

Signed,

A. J. de Wilde.

And

Joh. Bacheracht.

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RATIFICATION.

ADRIAN BISDOM *Director, in behalf of the Honourable* Dutch East India *Company in* Bengal, Behar, *and* Orixa, *and the Council, make known to all and ſundry, whom it does, or may in any reſpect concern.*

SEEING we have found it expedient and adviſeable to enter into a Convention with his Excellency, *Jaffer Aly Cham, Souja Ulmoek Bhadur, Nabob* of the Provinces of *Bengal, Behar*, and *Orixa, &c. &c.* whereby all Differences, ariſen for ſome Time paſt, may finally be amicably adjuſted, and we again made to feel the Fruits and Emoluments of a free, unmoleſted, and uninterrupted Trade in theſe Parts of the World, ſo far in particular as it is poſſible, and the Circumſtances of the Times will admit: Moreover, this Convention has been concluded, underwritten and ſigned by Deputies on both Sides, provided with ample Powers, on the Day and Year, as mentioned therein; and the above Articles and Conditions, under the Mediation and Guaranty of the honourable Preſident and Council at Fort *William.*

AND in regard, the Tenor of the above-ſaid Inſtrument directs, that the Acts of Ratification of the one and the other Side ſhall be exchanged in due and proper Form, within the Space of twenty Days, reckoning from the Day of ſigning: So we, in order to give convincing Proofs of our Uprightneſs, and to fulfil what our Commiſſioners have promiſed in our Name, have agreed to and ratified the aforeſaid Convention in all its Heads, Articles, and Conditions, in general ſo far as in our Power; yet under Approbation of our Lords and Maſters, and a Saving to their Property in their true Rights, Privileges, and Poſſeſſions obtained here; as by theſe Preſents we agree to and ratify the ſame; engaging in good Faith and Sincerity, that we ſhall in every Point perform and obſerve, and cauſe to be obſerved by all our Dependents without Exception, what was therein agreed on, concluded, and now has been by us ratified, without acting againſt it directly or indirectly, in what Way or Manner ſoever it may be.

For confirming and ratifying all which, we have ſigned theſe Preſents with our own Hand, and cauſed our great Seal to be put thereto.

Underneath ſtood,

Given at Fort *Guſtavus*, at our principal Factory *Hugbley* in *Bengal*, this 21ſt Day of *September*, 1760.

Signed,

A. Biſdom,
L. Zuydland,
J. L. v. Schevichaven,
J. C. Kiſt,
R. H. Armenault,
M. Iſick,
S. de Hoog,
O. W. Falk.

With the Company's Great Seal in red Wax.

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Lower ſtood,

Collated, and Signed

Jacob Eilbracht, firſt ſworn Clerk.

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